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### **CAHERCONLISH DRAFT LAP 2023/2029**

A Chara,

I wish to make the following submissions and observations to the Draft LAP for Caherconlish for the period 2022/29:-

1. I submit that the Caherconlish LAP boundary as mapped out in the draft published be increased and demarked to take in the whole of the field formerly zoned for affordable/social housing some 3 LAP's ago and which were omitted from the last two plans. This land was rezoned for agricultural use in the last two plans. In this latest Draft LAP it is not even within the previous boundary? Why?. This land was put up for sale to which I objected and which objection was emailed to your body (see attached email to Jayne Leahy).
2. I submit that the Caherconlish LAP boundary be further extended to take in the Caherconlish (Newtown) residential area built 1908 or thereabouts for people to re-accommodated from Caherconlish Square etc. Its population is acknowledged to be that of the town of Caherconlish (refer to your stated CSO statistics in the Draft Plan). There is no clear or understandable reason as to why Newtown Residential is omitted. Afterall, Oakley Park, Riverside, Ceol nan hAbhainn, Barrack Close, Castlepark, Cos Rioga Estates etc are part of the town boundary so it is not understandable that the oldest publicly funded area of Newtown that comprises a large part of Caherconlish townland is not within its LAP.
3. I submit that the Caherconlish LAP boundary be further extended to take in the area of land between the newly constructed public footpath adjacent to Caherconlish Grounds and the Old Creamery Road to Oakley Lawn that in part was omitted from a previous LAP.
4. I submit that Caherconlish Town once designated back in the 1960's by the former Limerick County Council as a satellite town be not constricted nor denied by the council and its administrators in its natural development being geographically suited to develop similar to other towns like Castleconnell, Patrickswell and Mungret. Caherconlish should not be treated differently.
5. I submit that the area of land to the west of and bordering Barrack Road once zoned for educational/community purposes be returned for the same zoned category.
6. I submit that the area of land at Hundred Acres East and adjacent to the entrance to Ceol na hAbhainn Residential once submitted for the development of a Health Centre be zoned for the said potential health services.

7. I submit that the Castle site at Caherconlish be exclusively a Heritage site with a proper plan for access and egress and that Limerick City & County Council should lend it full support to it. Also that local consultation with Limerick City & County Council be open to the general public and not be reserved to groups or associations without an initial general public meeting.

I wish to make the following observations:-

- a. That the Groody River flowing at the rear of Barrack Street (Main Street) be free for residents to have a riverwalk access as heretofore.
- b. I observed that the Garda Barracks has two zonings. The residence side of the building and the rear of it has a residential zoning whilst the active Garda office and rear are zoned with the old Health Dispensary. Should these public buildings be zoned for what they are erected for.
- c. That the town centre as mapped take in the High Street which is the original business street and has the potential within the next five years to recover some businesses.
- d. That Limerick City & County Council reopen Caherconlish Library that it temporary closed under unclear circumstances.
- e. The area known as the College Field or Gort na Mansrach opposite the National School is rezoned obviously for educational and community purposes. This is an ancient monastic site and any future development within said grounds should be archaeologically assessed immediately to conform as suitable within the Heritage Acts before passing it for such zoning in the final Caherconlish LAP 2023/29.

Thank You and if you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to email me or call me [REDACTED]

Regards

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